REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 33-34 and 39-40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Additionally, the Examiner rejected claims 29-32 and 35-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. By the foregoing amendments, claims 33-34 and 39-40 have been rewritten in independent form and claims 29-32 and 35-38 have been canceled.

After the foregoing amendments, claims 33-34 and 39-40 remain in this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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